not been sufficiently appreciated, and that it exists to a remarkable extent in the Islands.

When, therefore, the statement is made that there is no public opinion in the Islands, the matter is overly stated. More correctly it could be said that the serious lack of an informed and alert public opinion in the Philippines is to be deplored, but that a public opinion does exist and does exert an influence through the ballot and otherwise. The purpose of all should be to advance public opinion in the Philippines and to elevate it to the same plane in which it is found in other progressive countries.